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1. The Skoda Works at Dubnica nad Vahom is engaged in the production of dredging machinery with caterpillar treads, movable cranes, harbor cranes (to be sent to Sweden), structural parts for bridges, and crushing machines used in paper plants and china factories. The plant also performs repairs on railroad cars and lathes of all kinds. In underground workshops designated as M-I, M-II, and M-III which were built by the Germans during the war, war booty in the form of heavy guns (15 cm and larger), armored trains, revolving gun turrets and parts of mines are repaired and put in order. An ammunition factory located in the valley produces mines, explosives and shells for guns.
2. The plant manager is Volf, a Czech who resides in Dubnica. Head of the dredging machine department is Mravec, a Slovak; his deputy is Micka, a Czech from Zlin (P50/021). Including engineers, office help and the heads of departments, approximately 10,000 persons are employed in the Dubnica plant. About 10 percent of these are devoted members of the Communist Party, while 60 percent joined after February 1948; 30 percent are politically indifferent. All persons holding key positions are fully trusted Communists. The plant is operated 24 hours a day in three shifts.
3. Liaison officers have been assigned to those departments engaged in the production and repair of war materiel. The entire plant is under the supervision of both the Ministry of Industry and the Ministry of National Defense. Officers of the General Staff visit the plant frequently.
4. The Security Officer directs members of the plant Security Corps (Zavodni bezpecnost) who guard the various buildings and entrances to the factory. When on normal duty they wear khaki uniforms and carry pistols; when escorting prisoners to and from the Ilava penitentiary, they are armed with rifles. One guard accompanies ten to twelve prisoners to work in the plant. Members of the Workers Militia, also assigned to guard the plant, occasionally inspect the various departments; they wear blue overalls with a red ribbon on the left sleeve and are armed with pistols. The Security Corps is made up of about 200

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men and the Workers Militia of about 300. However, all members of the Workers Militia are not on duty at the same time since they are also employed in production. Militia members are also given day and night combat training. Fire security is the responsibility of the Fire Brigade. As yet, no anti-air raid measures have been taken and no anti-sabotage observers have been installed, as is the case in other plants, nor has the Stakhanovite movement been introduced.

5. Each employee has a yellow identity card bearing a photograph which is examined by a Security guard when the employee enters the factory. Employees working in the underground shops have a pink identification card which is examined twice, once at the main gate and again at the entrance to the underground shop.
6. New additions are being made in various departments and the underground shops are being repaired constantly. A new department which is now under construction will contain furnaces and a large foundry. Raw materials for the plant are delivered from Prague and Pilsen. There was a rumor among the workers that the entire factory would be converted to war production very soon.

* Comments Zlin is now known as Gottwaldov.

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Encls: Sketch showing layout of Skoda Works at Dubnica and Vahom.

Legend to Attachment:

1. Main entrance
2. Building where the Security Officer, plant Security Corps and the secretariat of the Communist Party are located.
3. Garage for a large number of cars.
4. Laundry
5. Cantine
6. Reception and personnel office
7. Underground shops:
 - M-I Repair and assembly of guns; production of parts for mines.
 - M-II Production of parts for shells; boring of gun barrels; assembly shop.
 - M-III Repair of armored trains and movable turrets.
8. Parts and supply office.
9. Workshops and school for apprentices.
10. Production of structural parts for bridges, harbor cranes, railroad cars, and dredging machines.
11. Repairs of finishing machines and railway cars.
12. Boiler house.
13. Production of parts for dredging machines and cranes; assembly.
14. Building damaged during air raid, not yet repaired and now used for the storage of guns, brass and copper.
15. Offices; storehouse for supplies.
16. Locomotive roundhouse.
17. New building containing furnaces and a foundry.
18. A munition plant.
19. Air vent for underground workshop

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